

MOTORIST BRIDGE TRAFFIC POLICEMAN

Hits Him in Back, Sends
Body High in Air and
Speeds Away.

CYCLE PURSUIT FAILS

Witness on Manhattan Span
Says Driver Had Plenty
of Space to Pass.

FIVE OTHERS ARE KILLED

One Victim Had Brother Who
Died in Another Crash a
Year Ago.

Six persons, one of them a traffic policeman on Manhattan Bridge, were killed yesterday by automobiles in this city and nearby towns. The killing of the policeman, Charles Hoffman, according to witnesses, was the result of wanton recklessness, and a general alarm was sent out for the driver of the car.

Patrolman Hoffman, who was 43 and lived with his wife at 1415 Bushwick avenue, Brooklyn, was standing in the middle of the main roadway across Manhattan Bridge about half way between the Brooklyn tower and the Brooklyn anchorage. William F. Walter of 963 Sixty-seventh street, Brooklyn, said that at 9:45 o'clock, on his way to Brooklyn in his automobile, as he was nearing the policeman he saw a small black touring car, either a Ford or a Dodge, coming from the opposite direction. Patrolman Hoffman was facing the Manhattan end of the bridge.

The automobile, according to Walter, came up behind the policeman at a terrific rate of speed, although there was plenty of room for it to pass, struck him squarely in the back and threw him high into the air. He came down on his head and lay still, while the car that had struck him continued on toward Manhattan. Walter turned his car around and started after the fleeing automobile, but he was too far behind to keep track of it past the end of the bridge.

Cycle Pursuit Fails

Motorcycle Policeman Barry, who was stationed on the upper roadway of the bridge, saw the accident as Walter described it. He jumped on his motorcycle and went to the end of the bridge, hoping to cut off the automobile, but by the time he had reached the opening of the main roadway the car had left the bridge and disappeared. Hoffman was taken in a mail truck to the police post at the Brooklyn end of the bridge. Dr. Mendelsohn of Cumberland Hospital, said that Hoffman died instantaneously. Hoffman's neck and both legs were broken and his clothing was torn to tatters. He had been on the police force twelve years and since last June has been attached to the Third precinct, which has charge of directing traffic over the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges.

Peter M. Nendegren, aged 4 of 226 Corona avenue, Corona, was struck by an automobile while crossing Union street at Corona avenue. He died before reaching the Flushing Hospital. The automobile did not stop and was not identified.

William Henry Held, 23, a shoe merchant and member of one of the oldest families in Cuba, Conn., was killed when the automobile in which he and two friends were riding overturned on a sharp curve near the estate of Mrs. Whitehall. Held, at Purchase, near White Plains, was caught under the steering wheel. He leaves his wife, his companions, John Hints and Frederick W. Booth of Port Chester, were thrown clear of the car upon a pile of sand. Held's brother, Garfield, was killed several years ago in an automobile accident at Greenwich.

William D. Skelton, 69, of 194 Seventh avenue, was killed when the car he was driving came from behind a taxi cab he had dodged and knocked him down at Eighth avenue and Thirty-seventh street. The automobile was driven by Joseph Little of 555 Tenth avenue, owner of a chain of groceries, who was arrested.

Boy Hit in Tenth Avenue

James McIntire, 6, of 506 West Fifty-fifth street, was running down a sandpile into the street at Tenth avenue near Fifty-fifth street last night when he was run over by an automobile driven by Joseph Keker, 19, of 417 Bergen avenue, West Hoboken. The boy died in Roosevelt Hospital an hour later. Keker and eight others who were in the car with him said the boy ran in front of them and that it was impossible to avoid hitting him. Keker was arrested.

Marshall Smith, 45, of 117 Washington street, Flushing, died in Flushing Hospital after an accident in Strong canalway, near the Cedar Grove cemetery. He was in an automobile driven by Joseph Lee of 55 Panning avenue, Newtown, Queens, when the car struck a trolley pole and was caught under it. Johnson of 55 Bradford avenue, Flushing, was taken to the hospital with a possible fracture of the skull, and David Jones of 319 Sanford street, Flushing, who also was in the automobile, was cut about the face and body.

Two automobiles, one driven by Adolph Wolf of 293 Tompkins avenue, Brooklyn, and the other by Raymond Jackson, of Pleasant Plains, Staten Island, collided on Amboy road near Pleasant Plains and Totterville. Wolf's wife, 24, and a friend, Mrs. Barbara Groether, 58, also of 293 Tompkins avenue, were thrown out of the rear and both badly hurt. They were taken to the Richmond Memorial Hospital at Princes Bay, with Wolf, who was slightly injured. Jackson was not hurt.

Patrolman John Reed of the West New Brighton station had his right leg broken when the motorcycle on which he was riding hit the motor car of William Brennan of 1133 Castleton avenue, West New Brighton. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital.

Magistrate Cobb in Traffic Court held Mike Louis of 456 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, in \$2,000 for examination Tuesday on a charge of felonious assault. Louis was arrested after the collision of four automobiles at Fifth avenue and Sixtieth street. In the smashup Mrs. Hannah McCall, 34, of 31 Sixth avenue, Westchester, and her son, Hugh, 11 months old, were injured. Both are in Flower Hospital and may not live. The boy's skull is fractured and his mother is injured internally.

Near Clet, 18, of 2432 Valentine avenue, The Bronx, turned his automobile to avoid striking a little girl at Albany Crescent, near Bailey avenue. The Bronx, and crashed into a tree.

Thanksgiving Mimmers Mustn't Beg This Year

THE "pickin's" probably will not be so good this year for the thousands of New York children who have been in the habit of dressing as ragamuffins on Thanksgiving Day and soliciting alms in the street. In an order issued last week Chief Inspector Lahey of the Police Department declares that the practice has reached the stage at which it has become a public nuisance, and says:

"Commanding officers will direct members of the force to give this matter special attention; discourage it as much as possible, and where cases warrant it, proper police action will be taken."

'BE CAUTIOUS, ALERT' CITY'S SAFETY RULE

Collier, Head of Bureau to
Open To-day, Says It Will
Rely Upon Public.

The Department of Public Safety, the newest branch of the city government, will open this morning at Police Headquarters under the direction of Barron Collier, Special Deputy Police Commissioner, who will have charge of the work to decrease the hundreds of avoidable accidents in this city every year.

Mr. Collier has a staff of expert safety men, including Marcus Dow, who is president of the National Bureau of Safety and head of the safety service of the New York Central Railroad; Frederick J. Hall, formerly with the H. B. Shaw Electric Cable Company, and Police Lieut. Edward Walsh. Mr. Walsh said yesterday:

"Without the understanding of the people generally and without the co-operation of the press and of the people we cannot move quickly and effectively achieve the purpose of this bureau. Chiefly we are looking to the homes and to the individual members of families for help in making New York the safest city in the world."

"In industry throughout the United States the intelligent cooperation of the workers themselves has reduced the fatal accidents yearly to our seventh of what they were ten years ago. In fact, industrial work is only one third as dangerous nowadays as our leisure hours."

"Throughout the United States fatal accidents take one a year out of every 1,000 of our people. In New York city last year our fatal accident toll was one out of every 1,400, or, in other words, a condition indicating that New York is only two-thirds as dangerous as the average over the country generally. In effect, it is the safest city in the world, but this is small satisfaction as long as there are lives to be saved."

"The majority of accidents in this city—accidents which took the appalling total of 2,432 human lives last year—are due to easily preventable causes, chief of which is individual carelessness. It is toward the abatement of individual carelessness that our people and this department of safety must first devote their thought."

"Be cautious and alert and you will be safe."

1922 HEALTH SHOWING ALMOST EQUALS BEST

Alcoholism and Motors Mar
Otherwise Good Record.

The health record for the first nine months of 1922, according to the latest Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, is better than that of any year in the history of its industrial policies except last year, the death rate is only slightly higher than that of last year. The death rate from communicable diseases dropped 28 to 40 per cent., except for measles, influenza and pneumonia increases are due to the influenza flurry of last winter.

The outstanding favorable feature is the drop in the tuberculosis record, the white rate being 101.2 per 100,000, or slightly less than last year, while the negro rate has declined from 275.7 to 255.6.

Deaths from alcoholism, exclusive of those due to wood alcohol poisoning, numbered 292 for the nine months. This is 80 more than during the whole year 1921. The situation with reference to deaths from violence is much less favorable than that for disease. Suicides and homicides increased among the white policeholders.

Although September, 1922, marks the minimum mortality ever recorded for diseases, the automobile accident death rate (16.5 per 100,000) marks the maximum.

SHOTS IN FAMILY ROW WOUND GIRL NEIGHBOR

Quarreling Man and Wife
Fire at Each Other.

Josephine Mirrietta, 7, of 75 Degraw street, Brooklyn, suffered a bullet wound in the chest and another in the left arm yesterday during a street fight that occurred near her home.

The police said several shots were exchanged between a man and his wife after they had quarrelled at the home of the wife's parents in Degraw street. The little girl is in St. Mary's Hospital.

THIEF SUSPECT CAUGHT NEAR ENRIGHT'S HOME

Police Fire on Man Fleeing
From Burglary.

For the second time within a week the Brooklyn police have caught a burglar suspect near the home of Police Commissioner Enright on St. Mark's avenue, between Brooklyn and Kingston avenues.

Policemen Kennedy and Casey heard the crash of breaking glass and found the show windows smashed in Jacob Rubin's fur shop at 575 Nostrand avenue. They chased a man running to the rear of the building. After several shots had been fired the man stopped. The prisoner said he was William Evans of 94 Mauger street, Brooklyn.

COUE DISCIPLE TO SPEAK.

Mrs. Kirk Will Tell Gamut Club of Cure.

Mrs. David Kirk, a member of the Gamut Club, 42 West Fifty-eighth street, will speak next Monday evening at the club on how she was cured by Emil Coue's "Day by Day" method. This will be the first Coue clinic to be held in the United States, it was announced yesterday.

Miss Mary Shaw, president of the club, said that last year Mrs. Kirk was so crippled she was hardly able to walk, but after three Coue treatments she is able to walk miles.

'RIDES, REELS, RUM' LEAD GIRLS ASTRAY

Hip Flask National Menace to
Young Womanhood, Says
S. P. C. C. Head.

PISARRA ISSUES WARNING

Finds Drink as Lure Far Worse
Now Than in Days Before
Prohibition.

Vincent T. Pisarra, superintendent of office of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, issued the following warning yesterday:

"To girls who can listen and understand and to their parents we give warning of the seductive stranger with the tempting automobile, the ticket to the movies or bootleg whiskey."

Mr. Pisarra's warning is apropos of nothing at all, it appears, further than an alarming trend of the times, particularly with reference to liquor. Mr. Pisarra finds that, while joy rides and the movies are still in good standing as reasons why girls go wrong, they are running a poor second to prohibition liquor. "In fact," he warns, "it is no exaggeration to say that the hip flask has become a national menace to our girlhood."

"Rides, reels and rum are the three chief causes of the downfall of young girls, and the newest of these is rum."

"It is only recently that bootleg liquor has taken its place as one of the chief causes of the downfall of young girls. Strong drink, of course, has always played a part in the fall of certain percentage of the young girls who are led astray, but never to the extent it does today. It is a menace not only to the poor girl who cannot afford luxuries, but to society."

Cases Formerly Rare.

"It was not unheard of formerly for a young man to strike up a flirtation with a young woman and eventually induce her, generally over her objections, to drink a cocktail or a highball, thus weakening her will power or her resistance. Such cases, however, were of frequent enough occurrence to assume the proportions of a widespread menace."

"Today it is different, liquor and generally bad liquor, at that, is held out as a lure. Many girls who in other years would not have tasted liquor, now think it is the smart thing to drink. The young man who carries a flask on his hip is the popular fellow. His company is sought. The success of his party is assured."

"The surreptitious drink is now held out as an inducement to young girls to join groups their better natures tell them to shun. It is no exaggeration to say that the hip flask has become a national menace to our girlhood."

"Automobiles still serve as a dangerous lure, also, but this applies for the most part to those who have no motor cars in their own families and to whom a ride is a luxury. We can hardly blame the parents of such girls for accepting, generally innocently enough, the offer of a ride in the car of a stranger. It is possible nothing may happen to her, but the chances are against her."

Poor Accept Show Tickets.

"Nor can we blame the child, of poorer family still and of younger age, who permits the apparently kind man she never saw before to take her into the movies. The parents are at fault, it is true, but through ignorance or poverty or for one or many other reasons they are not capable of fulfilling their duty to their children. Society as a whole is responsible for the safety of our young girls."

"The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is fighting hard to protect them. We are prosecuting relentlessly those who victimize our children."

MARSHALL MADE HEAD OF JEWISH COMMITTEE

Survey Shows 3,300,000 Hebrews in United States.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee, a national organization founded in 1906 to protect the rights of Jews, was held yesterday in the Waldorf Astor, with Louis Marshall presiding.

A report told of the action taken by the committee in regard to anti-Jewish propaganda, immigration and abuses in connection with the violation of the prohibition enforcement act.

The report also gave a survey of the condition of Jews in other countries. It pointed out that the number of Jews in the world is 15,492,816, of whom 3,300,000 live in the United States. In Poland the number is 3,716,000 and in the Ukraine 2,375,000.

Mr. Marshall was elected president, Cyrus Adler and Julius Rosenwald, vice-presidents, and Isaac M. Ullman of New Haven, treasurer. Felix Fulk of New York was added to the executive committee, and Frederick W. Wile of Washington was added to the list of members at large.

RECTOR CHALLENGES STEINMETZ THEORIES

The Rev. W. T. Walsh Believes Religion Scientific.

The Rev. William T. Walsh, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Convent avenue and West 141st street, yesterday issued a challenge to the theories of Charles P. Steinmetz, that religion is based upon belief and therefore is unrelated to science.

"Zed religion," said Mr. Walsh, "is based not on belief, but on needs and the experience man has in meeting his needs. When a man's needs have been met he might try to explain what forces were at work. If he accepts his explanation or theory, that becomes your belief. You have not proved it for yourself."

"Dr. Steinmetz has an explanation, or theory, of gravitation quite different to that generally held by scientists. But their disagreement as to its explanation, or their ignorance as to its nature, does not change the reality of gravitation. Religion is the finding of the answer to our needs. Theology is an attempt to explain what it is that meets them. But again disagreement as to the explanation or ignorance of the nature of what we term God does not destroy His reality. God is an energy. Experience teaches how we can cooperate with Him."

5TH AVE. BUS TRAFFIC GROWS.

The Fifth Avenue Coach Company carried 52,800,135 passengers in the year ended June 30, 1922, an increase of 1,781,770 over the previous year, according to a synopsis of the company's annual report to the Transit Commission made public yesterday. The revenue amounted to \$5,280,141, an increase of \$191,478. The net income was \$1,672,965, an increase of \$60,722.

TOWN HALL CROWD HECKLES ARISE

Hubbub Arises During Sermon of Victor H. Arnold, Former Banker.

COLLECTION IS ASSAILED

Veteran Disturber Objects to
'Commercializing' Teachings of Bible.

Victor H. Arnold, a preacher without creed or church, who believes that every man may find his own salvation in the Gospel, spoke yesterday morning in the Town Hall. His subject was "The Spirit of Truth." As the service was drawing to a close several hecklers arose to challenge the speaker's spirituality.

One lean individual who, it was long ago, an interrupter of public meetings, rose to quote Scripture and to criticize Arnold for taking up a collection. "What right have you to commercialize Christ's teachings?" he shouted. Mr. Arnold stepped from behind the rostrum. "You are judging from appearances, sir," he roared, as he motioned for more music. The critic retired to higher ground. "Well, you believe at least in the gospel according to Luke—" "How do you know it, sir; how do you know it?" asked the preacher sharply as the pianist sounded the opening chords of the closing hymn.

A few minutes later another heckler began to hold an informal meeting on the east side of the hall. He exhibited a small black box which, he declared, contained a model bathtub, and in it, he insisted, he was going to give the preacher and all the congregation there assembled a thorough spiritual cleansing. He was hustled out into the foyer, shouting, "You all need to be washed. You are dirty—dirty! You'll be damned, I tell you!" As he screamed angrily, "Blockheads, blockheads!" he was thrust out the door. He walked away and was heard to laugh cynically. "Ha, ha!" His comrades went out another exit, waving a newspaper and a Bible and calling down the wrath of heaven upon the whole Times Square district.

A dozen persons formed for the denunciation of the hecklers or to attack Arnold. For an hour the fray lasted. Curious passersby in Forty-third street had to edge their way through the theological war of words. "You are a trouble with the church is this?" "Aw, cut out the Billy Sunday stuff!" "Have you read the Bible from A to Z?" "Well, I have, now listen to me!" "I guess I know God better than you do!" "Did you know Christ had a brother? Huh?" "I was born a Methodist myself; now look here!" "Can't a man get up and read Scripture whenever he wants to?" "He ought to have kicked those bugs in the face."

Long after the snelling speaker had left the victors and the vanquished, the prophet continued to call out to a world that heeded them not.

Mr. Arnold, a former banker of Madison, Wis., who retired to New York last February after the bond company in which he held a controlling interest went into bankruptcy, has rented the Town Hall for a series of Sunday morning services.

First Gallery, New Building

LAD, AGED 11, ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING GIRL, 5

Prosecutor's Action Follows
Conflicting Stories.

Otto Jacobs, 11, charged with killing his playmate, Catherine Sullivan, 5, Saturday afternoon near their homes, in Montvale, N. J., near Hackensack, was arrested yesterday by County Detective Schell and placed in the Hackensack jail on a charge of manslaughter. Prosecutor A. C. Hart ordered the arrest after the boy's family had told contradictory stories.

The boy's father said the girl shot herself while playing with a shotgun. The charge of small shot passed through her neck, severing the jugular vein and causing her to bleed to death before a doctor arrived. The county detective was told that Otto Jacobs leveled the gun at the girl when she had pulled the trigger. The boy himself admitted shooting the girl, officers say, but said he did not know the gun was loaded. James Sullivan, father of the dead girl, told Detective Schell he believes the shooting was accidental.

GIRL CAUSES CAPTURE OF CAR THIEF SUSPECT

Tells Policeman, Who Fires at
Man in Chase.

Miss Margaret Hagen of 162 West Ninety-sixth street, walking in that street last night at 9 o'clock, saw Patrick Walsh of 147 West Ninety-eighth street jump into an automobile parked in front of No. 135 and start the machine. The man drove toward Amsterdam avenue. The girl ran down and told Detective Schell. He believes the shooting was accidental.

BANDITS IN ROADHOUSE BEAT MAN AND GET \$341

Threaten to Shoot Two if
They Follow.

Three armed bandits held up the roadhouse of Joseph Kurz, at 4934 Boulevard, Union Hill, N. J., early yesterday and robbed a man and a woman. William Guinness of 4717 Hudson boulevard, North Bergen, of \$341. When Guinness resisted one gunman struck him on the head with a revolver and took \$44 from his pockets. The remainder of the money was taken from Kurz.

The bandits backed out and warned Kurz and the customer that if they attempted to follow they would be shot.

BABY SMOTHERS IN BED.

Waking from a sound sleep yesterday, Mrs. Catherine Fernandez, 254 Second avenue, found her infant son, Frank, smothered in bed. The baby had been crying earlier in the morning, and after pacifying it Mrs. Fernandez had fallen asleep. Her cries aroused her husband, Louis, and ten minutes later he found the child dead. A coroner's jury yesterday summoned Patrolman Cushman of the East 126th street police station, who quizzed the mother and called Dr. Bain of Harlem Hospital, who pronounced the baby dead.

The Auditorium, 3 P. M.
Children's Book Week Opens
Talks by three authors of children's books
Broadway at Ninth

Today's Golden Specials in Stewart Week

Watch You to Not Be Disagreeable

if people you counsel do not take your advice.

First of all, none of us is right every time.

Second, there may be circumstances intervening that prevented them.

Third, your friends were free to do what they thought best.

Fourth, we would be a poor sort of friend to break off a friendship with any one who differed with us.

Let us be loyal in our friendships.

(Signed) John W. Wainwright
November 13, 1922.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL

Answer The Call Now

Children's Book Week

In the Auditorium at 2.15 each day

Lilian Owen's Marionettes

These portrait puppets of Miss Owen's (late of the Greenwich Village Follies) are original and amusing to grown-ups as well as to little folks. Songs, dances, sketches by such famous characters as "Jackie Coogan," "Paderewski," and others.

Talks by authors of Children's Books at 3

Mr. Hugh Lofting who wrote *Dr. Doolittle* and *Voyages of Dr. Doolittle* will speak and probably read from his funny stories. Mr. Hal-lum Hawksworth, who wrote *Adventures of a Pebble*, will speak on "The Genius of Childhood." Mr. Wilbur S. Boyer, author of *Johany Kelly*, and Principal of Public School No. 132 of New York City, will speak on "The Boy, the Book, and Probably, the Girl."

First Gallery, New Building

\$50 and \$60 Floor Lamps, \$25

From Budapest, where they were hand-carved, out of fine hard wood. Seven designs in the carving. Two sizes; junior size 54 and 56 in.; senior size 60 in. high. Finished in three different ways—mahogany and gold, walnut and gold, black and gold. Mountings in French bronze-finished metal. Two lights, silk cord and plug.

Handsome silk shades to fit may be had from \$18 to \$125.

Second Gallery, New Building

A U Q U A T R I E M E

French Faience

Three fine Latin qualities find expression in French faience—taste, gaiety and the tradition of love for one's trade.

The room which Au Quatrieme has filled with faience brings an instant response from visitors—memories of French days and happy purchases in some "little shop" in Paris or the provinces.

Breakfast sets

To breakfast brought up on a tray, or served in a sunny breakfast room on a small table covered with a pink or yellow French table cloth, these flowered faience services add an engaging freshness and charm.

Set of yellow faience, flower design, \$100 set of 19 pieces. This set, like most of the others in faience, has the big coffee cups, so characteristic of France and *cafe au lait*, and so pleasant to handle.

Set of 19 pieces, white ground, pattern in green, pink flowers with green leaves on all covers, \$100.

Set of 16 pieces, pink edge, red and blue bachelor buttons, very gay and French, pewter handles on coffee and hot milk jugs, \$85.

Knives with faience handles

Delightful little French fruit knives, with green and white faience handles, \$45 doz.

Large knives, faience handles, showing a Chinese figure in pink, blue and green, \$50 doz.

John Wainwright
Formerly A. T. Stewart

Today's News
Telephone 4700 Stuyvesant

The Silk Rotunda offers Today 1000 yds. \$3.50 Duvetyn, \$2.40 yd.

A beautiful quality with a sheen like frost. Closely-woven, firm, runs through the fingers like softest velvet. Lovely for draped gowns. 36 in. wide. Ten shades—black, navy blue, French blue, five shades of brown, dove gray and smoke.

1,200 yds. \$3.85 Canton Crepe, \$2.55 yd.

A crisp, firm, crinkly weave with wearing qualities to outlast most fabrics. Well dyed; not all Canton crepe takes the dye well and is apt to have a rusty appearance. 40 in. wide. Large quantity of black; smaller quantities of brown and navy blue, the two most desirable colors.

Note the limited quantities in both these silk offerings. Early comers will be the most satisfied choosers.

The Silk Rotunda, Street Floor, Old Building

\$175 Theodore Haviland Dinner Sets, \$85

Less than half price for 100 sets of china dinner ware by one of the world's first potters. 112 pieces, the regulation number, plus sugar bowl, cream-pitcher, cake-plate and bowl. Fresh, attractive design combining conventional border of biscuit tan, and outside line of coin gold and sprays of pink rosebuds. Coin gold ribbon handles.

Second Gallery, New Building

\$85 Axminster 9x12 ft. Rugs, \$55

Seamless rugs of a heavy jacquard weave, with the colors woven through to the back. No heavier Axminster rugs than these are made. The 105 that we have to sell will no doubt go quickly.

\$115 Wool 9x12 ft. Chenille Rugs, \$65

Heavy, long-wearing wool-back rugs, all with plain centers of rose, taupe, blue, brown or mulberry, with deeper self-colored borders. Some with decorative borders. 60 rugs.

\$80 Worsted Wilton 9x12 ft. Rugs, \$45

Seamless, and all of one kind: Plain golden brown center with a deeper brown border; very lovely and very serviceable—a worsted rug is the best wearing. Only 75 rugs.